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BATEMAN ET AL.

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FOR: MODIFIED AMINO ACID FOR THE INHIBITION OF PLATELET
AGGREGATION

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of fees in the above identified Application kindly enter the following Amendment. Amendments to the claims begins on page 2 and Remarks begin on page 4.

The Applicants would like to bring to Examiner's attention that entry of the accompanying National Stage application is due by January 16, 2005. However since January 16, 2005 is a Sunday and January 17, 2005 is a National Holiday, the accompanying National stage amendment, which is being filed with these papers by Express mail on January 18, 2005, is timely filed.